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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

## DETAILED ACTION

### *Election/Restrictions*

1. Examiner apologizes for overlooking Applicant's election in the 7 June 2004 response.
2. Examiner has attempted to consider Applicant's traverse of the restriction requirement in light of the 21 May 2003 Amendment. However, this amendment is not in proper form – there are no markings to show the changes. Examiner asks that Applicant submit a copy of all claims including markings to show changes following current practice. Examiner apologizes for not bringing this to Applicant's attention in the previous office action.
3. The reply filed on 20 September 2004 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): See above. See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. **EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).**

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Corbett B. Coburn whose telephone number is (571) 272-4447. The examiner can normally be reached on 8-5:30, Monday-Friday, alternate Fridays off.

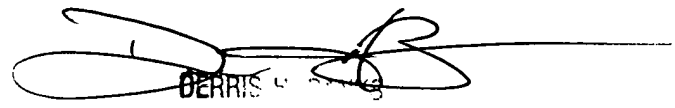
If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Derris Banks can be reached on (571) 272-4419. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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